

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WORKING OF MCD AND NDMC
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for reviewing the working of MCD and NDMC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government for eradicating corruption prevailing in the MCD and NDMC alongwith results thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): The Government has not reviewed the working of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the New Delhi Municipal Council. However, the Government has set up two Committees-one to study the restructuring of MCD and the other to study the multiplicity of institutions dealing with urban development issues in Delhi.

(c): Action taken by New Delhi Municipal Council to eradicate corruption along with result thereof is indicated below:

- (i) Transfer of employees on routine basis after every three years;
- (ii) Surprise checking;
- (iii) Scrutinizing files to check delay or harassment;
- (iv) Regular checking of construction sites and stores;
- (v) Setting up a Cell under the supervision of an officer of the level of Director to check unauthorized construction;
- (vi) Monitoring of misuse of premises;
- (vii) Attending complaints promptly;
- (viii) Regular interaction of the officers with public, Residents' Welfare Associations, Unions and Workers to find out guilty persons; and
- (ix) Establishment of two control rooms equipped with recording devices to record complaints rounds the clock.
- (x) Suspension of 35 employees of the New Delhi Municipal Council during the period from January, 2005 to 20th July, 2006.
- (xi) Initiation of regular departmental action for imposition of major penalties against 64 employees and minor penalties against 14 employees.
- (xii) Imposition of major penalties in 22 cases and minor penalties in 21 cases during the aforesaid period including cases initiated earlier.

Action taken by Municipal Corporation of Delhi to eradicate corruption along with result thereof is indicated below:

- (i) Taking disciplinary action against officials founds to be involved in corruption or dereliction of duties etc.
- (ii) Interaction by the Vigilance Department of MCD with various investigating agencies and sharing of information regarding involvement of officials in corruption cases. As a result, the Anti-Corruption Branch of CBI registered 37 cases under Prevention of Corruption Act.
- (iii) Conducting investigation by the Vigilance Department in cases of unauthorized construction, commercialization of private properties, encroachment etc.

(iv) Advising the concerned departments to take remedial action in cases where major system lapses were found during investigation.

(v) Suspension of 145 officials founds to be responsible for gross dereliction of duty during the period from 2001 to 2005;

(vi) Initiation of Regular Departmental Action for imposition of major/minor penalties in 1321 cases involving 2717 officials during the period from 2001 to 2005.

(vii) Initiation of Regular Departmental Action for imposition of major/minor penalties in 305 cases involving 412 officials including 92 junior Engineers, 57 Assistant Engineers, 29 Executive Engineers and 17 Superintending Engineers during the period from 1.1.2006 to 30.6.2006 in compliance of the orders passed by the High Court of Delhi's order in CWP No. 4382/2003 titled Kalyan Sanstha Social Welfare Organization Versus Union of India and Other for abetting, conniving and/or not taking sufficient action for preventing/coming up of unauthorized construction in Delhi. Out of these, 17 Executive Engineers of Building Department were summarily dismissed from service by invoking the provisions of Section 95(2)(b) of MCD Act.